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INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS AS ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LAMON OWENS, 24, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

On February 8, 2008, an Indianapolis Metropolitan Police officer stopped OWENS for a traffic violation and discovered OWENS was a suspended driver. During an inventory search of OWENS' vehicle, law enforcement discovered a handgun under the driver's seat. OWENS was previously convicted of Robbery, a Class B felony, in 2004, in Marion County, Indiana. Because of two additional qualifying felony convictions, OWENS was sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal. A person sentenced as an Armed Career Criminal is subject to a minimum, mandatory period of imprisonment of 15 years.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Doris L. Pryor, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following OWENS's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, OWENS must undergo drug testing and substance abuse counseling. OWENS was fined in the amount of \$1,000.

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